

# **STANDISH VOICE**

2017 AGM MINUTES  
November 15, 2017

**The meeting at My Life commenced at 7.45pm**

**Management Committee present:** Gill Foster, Paul Ogden, Ron Wade, Karen Bliss, Janet Monks, Fran Aiken, Allan Foster, Sarah Djali, Diane Gore, Brian Jones, Jaime Jones, Nic Macmillan, Nicky Ogden

1. **Apologies:** Rev Andrew Holliday, Dave King
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of 2016 AGM were passed without alteration.
3. **Annual Reports and speakers:** The Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Membership Secretary gave their reports on the past year (the Chair and Vice Chair reports and the accounts are on Standish Voice's website). Membership Secretary Ron Wade said there were 851 members. A number of representatives asked to speak in support of Standish Voice ahead of the meeting. These were Neil Whittingham, of Standish Community Forum; Chris Velone, of the Standish branch of the Royal British Legion; Chris Crossan, from the Friends of Standish Library; Heidi Lipscombe, of Save The Crown campaign; Tony Jones, of Standish In Bloom/Incredible Edible and Paul Hassan, of Standish Cricket Club.
4. **Election of committee and election of posts:** With no other members putting themselves forward to stand for the committee, and all 15 of the present committee wanting to stand again, the committee was returned to office unopposed. They are: Gill Foster, Paul Ogden, Karen Bliss, Ron Wade, Jaime Jones, Rev Andrew Holliday, Diane Gore, Nic Macmillan, Sarah Djali, Brian Jones, Allan Foster, Nicky Ogden, Dave King, Fran Aiken and Janet Monks. The committee re-elected Gill as Chair, Paul as Vice Chair, Karen as Treasurer and Ron as Membership Secretary. As no-one came forward to fill the position of Minutes Secretary, Paul will assume that responsibility.
5. **Changes to the Standish Voice constitution:** Gill said that ahead of the AGM, a member not present at the AGM had asked the committee to put three constitutional amendments to the meeting. She said, in accordance with the constitution, that the committee decided the amendments were to the detriment of Standish Voice and its work, so would not be put to the AGM. But she outlined other changes to Standish Voice's constitution that the committee asked the AGM to support. Paul outlined these changes. They were that committee posts were for a maximum three-year term with the election of five posts (and any other posts which become available during the year) at each AGM. Also, the AGM should be held in January, with the next AGM in January, 2019. After a debate on these changes, the AGM voted to alter the constitution with 87 votes for, 4 against and 4 abstentions (Standish Voice's constitution can be found on its website).

**After thanking everyone for their attendance, the meeting ended at 9.15pm**

# **STANDISH VOICE**

## EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Standish High School

MAY 23, 2018

The meeting commenced at 8pm with one item on the agenda: **To pass Standish Neighbourhood Plan to Wigan Council for Regulation 16 consultation**

The meeting was called to determine whether the draft Standish Neighbourhood Plan, after it had been amended following its Regulation 14 consultation, should be passed to Wigan Council for the next stages in the Neighbourhood Planning process. This was the only item on the agenda.

Chair Gill Foster welcomed approximately 60 members of Standish Voice to the meeting and gave a statement (a copy of which is below).

Standish councillors Ray Whittingham and Adam Marsh spoke in full support of the plan before various members of the public gave their views and Gill and vice chair Paul Ogden answered questions. One member who opposes to a park on Southlands Rec said there should be a two-week delay of the vote for further discussions on this particular issue, which not accepted.

In line with Standish Voice's constitution, a vote to allow the draft plan to progress to Wigan Council was taken. The results are as follows:

In favour: **40**

Not in favour: **9**

Abstentions: **3**

Gill then read out a statement about the 'Next Steps' (published below) in the planning process and thanked everyone for attending the meeting and giving their views before closing the meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.